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INDO-US COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal for the expansion of Indo-US cooperation in the field of Science & Technology;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this direction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement to establish an Indo-US Science and Technology Forum was concluded on March 21, 2000.The Forum was registered as a non profit scientific society on 23 June 2000.

(c) The aim of the Forum is to facilitate and promote the interaction in India and the United States, of government, academia and industry in science and technology and other related areas towards achieving the following objectives:

- to focus on issues of common concern & activities of mutual benefit while exploring trends in S&T;
- to create comprehensive electronic reference source for Indo-US S&T cooperation;
- to promote electronic exchange & dissemination of information and opportunities in bilateral S&T cooperation;
- to commission studies, reports and papers and promote Indo-US cooperation in R&D and transfer of technology;
- to facilitate and promote joint collaborative projects and programs and organise workshops, seminars, symposia, courses and training programs;
- to establish Indo-US Centres for excellence at places in India.